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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/EP2004/011239

Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 4-12 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* 1-3, 3a received by this Authority on 18.02.2005 with letter of 28.01.2005
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* 1-12 received by this Authority on 18.02.2005 with letter of 28.01.2005
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets 1/3-3/3 as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1.	Statement		
	Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-12</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>1-12</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-12</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
2.	Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)		
	<p>The present application relates to a tool and to a process for shaping a hollow profile by the inner high pressure shaping process, using a stamp according to the preamble of claims 1 and 8, the tool and process being delimited from document DE-A-197 33 477 (D1), which is cited on page 1 of the description.</p> <p>The subject matter of claims 1 and 8 differs from that prior art by the use of a cutting device for cutting a flange on the hollow profile, and whose cutting edge is adjustable transversely to the hollow profile, the stamp being arranged in such a way that, during stamping, it goes across and through a corresponding opening in the cutting device, according to the characterising part of these claims.</p> <p>The subjects of independent claims 1 and 8 thus meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) for novelty.</p> <p>There is no precedent in the available prior art for the design solution as per claim 1, and for its use according to the process claim 8, which permit a rationalised manufacturing process. The subjects of claims 1 and 8</p>		

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thus also meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(3) for inventive step.

Claims 2-7 and 9-12 are dependent on claims 1 and 8, respectively, and thus also meet the PCT novelty and inventive step requirements.

Claims 1 and 8 are based on a combination of the original claims 1-4 and 11-13, respectively.